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(**54**) **Title:** COMPOUNDS AND METHODS FOR RNA INTERFERENCE OF THE p65 SUBUNIT OF NF-KAPPA-B

(57) Abstract: This invention relates to compounds, compositions, and methods useful for modulating the expression and activity of NF-kappa-B by RNA interference (RNAi) using small nucleic acid molecules, such as short interfering nucleic acid (siNA), short interfering RNA (siRNA) and double-stranded RNA (dsRNA) targeted to the sequence encoding the p65 subunit of NF-kappa-B. Furthermore the invention provides methods for preventing, treating or alleviating NF-kappa-B dependent diseases whereby NF-kappa-B is believed to play a role in the pathogenesis of a disease in a subject, preferably a human, by administration of a therapeutic effective and in a pharmacologically accepted form, the siRNA compounds of the invention.

